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YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS AND NAZI PROPAGANDA

As Hitler's ruthless invasion of the Soviet Union rolls slowly forward at a cost of millions of human lives, the Yale University Press at New Haven, Connecticut, has published a book praising the pro-German Ukrainian Fifth Column and presenting Nazi racist myths about the Ukrainian people as a whole. The work, a translation, is a large and impressive volume entitled A History of the Ukraine. Its author is the late anti-Soviet historian Michael Hrushevsky, who achieved more fame as a political intriguer than as a scholar. In the translation, certain passages have been added to the original text, supposedly to bring the book up to date but actually to include a more ample and pertinent dose of Nazi propaganda.

The title page of A History of the Ukraine carries this significant note: "Published for the Ukrainian National Association." The Hour has frequently pointed out that the Association is controlled by individuals who are members of or closely connected with the ODWU, Nazi-directed Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine, which has its headquarters in Berlin. It is said that the Ukrainian National Association is now under Federal investigation.

An acknowledgment in the History states, "Preparation of the manuscript for publication has been accomplished under the direction of Dr. Luke Myshuha, editor-in-chief of the daily Svoboda, official organ of the U. N. A." This is the same Myshuha who acted as Dr. Joseph Paul Goebbels' guest speaker on a Nazi radio program in Germany. Svoboda is well-known for having recently published articles giving to its readers detailed instructions on the making of bombs and other explosives. The following quotation from the March 18, 1938, issue of Svoboda indicates the proclivities of the paper and its editor:

"It is quite evident that smashing Russia to pieces must be regarded as an axiom of our policy. ... The Hitlerite Germany, prompted by its own interests, alone strives to weaken Russia. It fights Communism and international Jewry. ... It is a fact that Germany, while it fights Communism, fights at the same

time the greatest enemies of the Ukraine. ... We have no illusions. We know that we must help ourselves. But the powers which without violating our interests, have a desire to ruin Russia -- such, for instance, as Japan, Germany or Italy -- must not meet with enmity on our part."

The History of the Ukraine, which is replete with anti-democratic and anti-Semitic comments and with glowing praise for fascist-Ukrainian terrorist gangs, offers a lengthy Bibliography which includes the names of numerous notorious Nazi propagandists. One of these, Nicholas Sciborsky, was just assassinated by a Ukrainian patriot in Zhitomir (see The Hour for October 25); Sciborsky, a Ukrainian traitor, was traveling with the Nazi armies when he was killed.

At a time when the Nazis are doing everything in their power to disseminate their message in the United States, it is certainly unfortunate that the Yale University Press should lend itself, unwittingly no doubt, to assisting the propaganda program of the Third Reich.

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MARIA MARKAN, OPERA STAR AND NAZI "FAVORITE," IN N. Y.

The career of Miss Maria Markan, Metropolitan Opera Star who just arrived in the United States, is such that her activities in this country will bear watching.

Born in Iceland, a famous singer in Scandinavia, Maria Markan was discovered for Germany several years ago by Professor Paul Burckhardt, well-known "geologist" whose expeditions into Iceland and Greenland provided the Third Reich with valuable military information. Burckhardt met Miss Markan in Iceland. At the time he was acting as a representative of the Foreign Department of the Nazi SS. He carried with him personal letters of identification from Gestapo chief Himmler. Money from Himmler came to him regularly through a bank in Copenhagen. His main work was organizing secret radio stations in Iceland and Greenland.

Miss Markan became closely associated with Nazi agent Burckhardt. She is credited with having arranged a meeting between him and Gudmundar Einarsson, key Quisling in Iceland. Her services were soon held in high regard by Berlin.

With Einarsson, Miss Markan traveled to Germany in 1938. They stayed as guests at Heinrich Himmler's home at the Walchensee in Bavaria. Through Himmler, the opera star met Hermann Goering and his wife. She became an intimate friend of Emmy Sonnemann-Goering. The field-marshal helped Miss Markan arrange contracts with the opera houses in Hamburg and Berlin.

Later, Miss Markan went to Oslo, Norway, where she became well

acquainted with Quisling and his underlings. All the time she was traveling, she kept in close touch with Dr. Paul Burekhardt.

At present Maria Markan is residing in New York City. Supposedly she is awaiting the opening of the opera season. It might, however, be interesting to know whether or not Miss Markan still maintains her Fifth Column contacts.

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COUGHLIN WOOS LEWIS

Father Charles E. Coughlin, who has long been a vitriolic critic of John L. Lewis, is now enthusiastically welcoming his presence in the appeasement camp and is trying to persuade the labor leader immediately to make a public statement aimed at splitting the labor movement on the question of aid to Great Britain and the Soviet Union. The Royal Oak priest, recognized as one of Hitler's most capable propagandists in this country, is urging Lewis to use the CIO convention in Detroit on November 17 for making an anti-Administration declaration to the effect that: 1) labor has been allowed no real participation in national defense; 2) the Administration is using troops to force union men to work; 3) the Administration gives contracts to firms employing AFL workers when these contracts justly belong to firms with CIO employees; 4) the Administration is using Sidney Hillman and Phillip Murray to force upon workers in industry wage-freezing regulations and the abolishment of the right to strike; 5) the Administration is seeking to drive this country into a "pro-British, pro-Soviet" war for which labor will ultimately have to pay.

The purpose of this statement will be to divide the organized workers and create friction among them, to hamper national defense work, and to prepare Lewis for a key position in an American fascist party.

Plans for Lewis' Future

In current Social Justice articles on Lewis, the pro-Hitler priest is none too subtly expressing the hope that the president of the United Mine Workers will use his office to break the CIO in two, and will direct millions of workers into the fascist third party that Coughlin is striving so assiduously to create. In this connection Father Coughlin writes:

"If Lewis breaks with the CIO, this largest scale contribution [of \$30,000 in monthly dues to the CIO from the United Mine Workers] will make a pretty nest egg around which millions of workingmen will be glad to rally. ... John Lewis is powerful among the steel workers. ... He

is equally as powerful among the automotive workers. His America-first tendencies cannot be disregarded lightly; for, they will attract many men in the present CIO."

With the CIO thus split, a great future would lie ahead for John Lewis, according to Father Coughlin;

"And it is to be expected that Lewis will emerge a bigger and better man capable of leading a powerful sector of American labor, industry and citizenry."

Father Coughlin, who has apparent ambitions of becoming the Dr. Goebbels of a Nazified United States, would like to see John L. Lewis in the role of the Dr. Robert Ley.

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FASCIST UKRAINIANS PUBLISH PRO-NAZI MANIFESTOES

A recent issue of Ukraine, official publication of the Nazi-Ukrainian ODU (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine), published two manifestoes urging Ukrainians to rally to the support of the pro-Hitler Ukrainian Fifth Column. The first manifesto, addressed "To Ukrainians," is signed by Andrew Melnyk, Ukrainian Fifth Columnist who operates under the direct guidance of the German War Office; this proclamation exhorts Ukrainians to "stand as one man around the Provid," fascist Ukrainian headquarters in Berlin. The second manifesto is signed by the Provid itself; after declaring that Ukrainian Nazism is essential, it orders every Ukrainian "to subordinate himself to the orders of Andrew Melnyk, the Fuehrer." This manifesto ends with, "Heil Fuehrer Andrew Melnyk."

Ukraine is not registered with the U. S. State Department as a propaganda agency of a foreign government. Nevertheless, it is published in the United States and continues to circulate throughout this country material emanating from the Third Reich. It is acting as an organ among Ukrainian-Americans for rallying support to the Nazi cause and is agitating its readers to take steps to further the aims of the Third Reich. Ardent readers of the paper, many of whom work in defense industries, may well seek to fulfill the demands of Ukraine by doing whatever they can to hamper the national defense effort and, in other similar ways, to give aid to the Nazi cause. An immediate investigation of Ukraine is needed.

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